



Meetings of Interest*

December 1–5, 2003

The National Park Service presents Spatial Odyssey 2003 “Grounded in Technology,” a conference on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and related technology. The meeting, to be held in Orlando, Florida, provides opportunities for NPS partners and staff to train; network and exchange technical information; learn about special applications of spatial programming (e.g., fire management and law enforcement); preview the latest technical tools, data, imagery, and equipment; and review initiatives, contracts, and standards of E-Gov (an organization of marketing and education professionals who foster communication and business between buyers and sellers of technology and services and government agencies), and other GIS resources available to NPS staff. Conference organizers have planned field trips to the Kennedy Space Center and The Nature Conservancy’s Disney Wilderness Preserve. More information is available at <http://www.nps.gov/gis/odyssey/>.

March 17–21, 2004

Spokane, Washington, is the site for the 69th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference. The theme is “Resource Stewardship in the 21st Century: A Voyage of Rediscovery.” The Wildlife Management Institute—a private, nonprofit, scientific and educational organization committed to the conservation, enhancement, and professional management of North America’s wildlife and other natural resources—is hosting the conference. Sessions focus on resolving conflicts in wildlife management, such as off-road vehicle operation, water recreation and use, energy production, human–large-predator conflicts, and fire management. A special session on the Starkey Project (long-term research on mule deer, elk, and cattle) is also scheduled. More information is available at <http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org/pages/toc2003.html>.

March 22–25, 2004

New Mexico Rare Plant Technical Council is hosting a conference of contributed works on the study and conservation of rare and endangered plants in the Southwest at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces. Papers and poster sessions presented at the “Fourth Southwestern Rare and Endangered Plant Conference” cover research performed in the geographic area that includes the Sonoran and Mojave Deserts to the west, the Colorado Plateau and Southern Rocky Mountains to the north, the Chihuahuan Desert and High Plains Grasslands to the east, the Chihuahuan and Sonoran Deserts to the south, and mountain ranges within this region. Rare, threatened, or endangered plants are the central focus of the research presented; however, presentations also may highlight related topics of population biology, genetics, ecology, reproductive biology, and systematics. Conference planners anticipate posters and papers to focus on the United States of America but also expect presentations on rare Mexican plants. More information is available at <http://nmrareplants.unm.edu/conference/announce.htm>.

* Readers with access to the NPS Natural Resources Intranet can view a comprehensive listing of upcoming meetings, conferences, and training courses at <http://www1.nrintra.nps.gov/NRMmeet/>.

